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Vehicle registration times changed

Effective Monday, the Vehicle Registration hours of operation at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will change to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is closed on federal holidays and weekends. The VRO is located at Fort Stewart, Building 226; and Hunter at Building 1279. For more information, call 912-767-5195.

3rd ID Farewell and Retreat ceremony, Nov 15

The 3rd Infantry Division will conduct a Farewell and Retreat Ceremony, at Marne Garden in Honor of Deputy Commanding General-Maneuver, Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue II; Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, Deputy Commanding General -Support; and 3rd ID Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, at 4 p.m., Nov. 15.

CFC continues

The Combined Federal Campaign continues through Dec. 15. Federal employees interested in giving through the CFC can contact their key worker or call the Coastal GA Combined Federal Campaign office at 912-651-7717. For more information, go to www.cfc-coastalga.org

Controlled substance policy posted

The policy of the Department of the Army is to prevent and eliminate drug abuse and dependence within the Army. Violators are subject to admin and punitive actions. Violations include synthetic cannabinoids or similar ingredients. Further information and Punitive actions can be found in the latest memorandum, dated Oct. 27, at <https://intra.stewart.army.mil/garrison/gc/Pages/PolicyLetters.aspx>.

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Deputy defense secretary visits, presents awards to Raider Soldiers

Pfc. Emily Knitter
1st AAB, 3rd ID Public Affairs

BAGHDAD — U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William J. Lynn III visited United States Division–Center Soldiers — presenting awards, answering their questions and handing out coins —during a trip to Iraq, making stops at Camp Liberty and Joint Security Station Falcon, Oct. 26. After arriving at USD-C headquarters at Camp Liberty, Lynn spoke to a group of about 200 Soldiers on the enduring importance of the Operation New Dawn mission, as troops continue to drawdown responsibly throughout Iraq.

"We are at a stage now where we have accomplished a lot," he said. "You have accomplished a lot. You brought democracy back to a critical nation in the Middle East. You brought stability back. You helped train the Iraqi armed forces and the Iraqi Police. You brought hope to the Iraqi people that they can again have a free and prosperous life. But it is not done yet. The key efforts still remain. The transitions that you are managing are critical to maintaining the success you have already achieved."



Pfc. Emily Knitter, 1st AAB, 3rd ID Public Affairs

Soldiers with 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Division – Center stand in formation, Oct. 26, during U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William J. Lynn's visit to Joint Security Station Falcon.

After his address, the floor was opened to questions straight from the Soldiers. They ranged from the pending review of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law and policy to tentative plans for Iraq

over the next decade.

"It is great to get out of Washington and come see where the real work of the department is going on," Lynn said. "Nothing that I do becomes

real until you all touch it. So to get out here and see how you all are doing and see what you are doing, is particularly important to me doing my job to the best that I can."

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WINN to open Primary Care Clinic in Richmond Hill

Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Family Members of active-duty service-members stationed at and around Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will soon have improved and more convenient access to healthcare with the projected Spring 2011 opening of an Army community-based Primary Care Clinic in Richmond Hill, Ga. This clinic is among 17 clinics the Army is opening near 14 Army installations across

the U.S. and Hawaii. Richmond Hill was selected for the site due to its centralized location and close proximity to those living in the areas of Pooler, Southwestern Savannah and Richmond Hill.

"They (the clinics) will improve access and the overall quality of care, will standardize operations and the patient experience of care," said Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, Army Surgeon General. "These clinics are an opportunity for us to continue our com-

mitment of Access to High Quality Care to our beneficiaries begun as Army Medicine's contribution to the Army Family Covenant."

"Our goal is to have the right provider providing the right care at the right time, using the right venue that's best for our Families by making primary care services easier to access – making it more convenient for our patients" said Col. Paul R. Cordts, commander, Winn Army Community Hospital.

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Reintegration

ACS puppet program prepares children for homecoming



Sgt. Robert Schaffner

"Linda Liberty," Linda Moseley, talks with SGT Rocky during the ACS performance of "SGT Rocky's Neighborhood," a puppet show designed to help children deal with deployment and reintegration issues, Oct. 28.

Sgt. Robert Schaffner
The Frontline Staff

In preparation of Soldiers returning home after a year-long deployment, children and their parents gathered for their own reintegration seminar – a program designed specifically for children.

The excitement and planning for Soldiers returning home is a momentous occasion for many. However, the transition back to Family life can be challenging, especially for children who are unable to express themselves as articulately as adults.

To reach out to the Family Members of Soldiers and their children during the reintegra-

tion process, Army Community Service at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield has taken the popular Sgt. Rocky's Neighborhood, a puppet show that helps children deal with issues in an age-appropriate setting, one step farther. The program that was initially designed to help children prepare for deployment is now helping children with reintegration.

"This program has been outstanding for children in having characters to express their emotions and to communicate their feelings through," said Linda Moseley, Stewart-Hunter ACS Mobilization and Deployment Manager. "This is a one-of-a-kind program."

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Shoo the Flu at the drive thru

Winn overflow parking lot, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., today and Friday.

Open to health care beneficiaries over the age of 2 years, to include Family Members, retirees and Defense Department civilian employees. Children younger than 2 years of age need to be vaccinated at the Winn or Tuttle Immunization Clinics. Active duty will receive vaccine through their unit chain of command.

Remember to bring your military ID.

For more information: Fort Stewart, contact Winn's Flu Hotline at 912-767-CARE;
Hunter Army Airfield, contact Tuttle's flu hotline at 912-435-5400



From the Senior Commander

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Phillips

3rd ID Deputy Commanding General-Rear

"As a result of my April 2009 DUI, I received Article 15 punishment in the form of loss of rank from E-4 to E-1, being barred from driving on-post for one year, and having to perform 45 days of extra duty while being restricted to post . . . I realize that I deserved more than this . . . It is my sincere desire to make the Army my career."

"Based on my experience, one thing could be said to all the Soldiers and the people in general, the decisions one makes can affect and hurt others . . . driving under the influence is just a dumb idea. It is a selfish act. I deeply regret my lapse in judgment."

"During safety briefings on Friday, I

used to laugh inside, because I didn't understand the magnitude of the situation. I don't laugh anymore. I hang my head and hope that I'm not chosen to give the drinking portion of the briefing . . . I'm ashamed and embarrassed that I made such a careless mistake."

These are excerpts from letters written to me by Soldiers who are asking that their general officer letter of reprimand not be filed in their Official Military Personnel File, their "permanent" file.

These are, in my opinion, good Soldiers who made poor decisions, who for a moment abandoned their better sense and their values. Even if their letters are filed locally, their reputation is



dented and they must work doubly hard – they cannot repeat the mistake.

None of this brings any leader – corporal to general – any pleasure. The longer any of us serves in our Army, the more we tend to regard it as our Family. And we want members of our Family to succeed. Any failure is to some degree our failure. That is the nature of a team; there is no isolated action.

(That is why a leader may become inappropriately or unprofessionally harsh when faced with a young Soldier's error, we may take that failure hard. Of course, our job as leaders is to teach, enforce, and – most important – exemplify.)

We in uniform, regardless of rank and age, are entrusted to make difficult decisions, whether while deployed or doing our jobs here at home. Our Families and comrades, our friends in the community, and indeed our fellow Americans, trust us to live up to our values and our Warrior Ethos as we make those decisions.

Boiled down, it all comes back to the team, however you define the team. So, as you're making decisions that could affect both your own life's success and the success of your team, we ask that you consider the wisdom of those who learned the hard way.

"I realize that I messed up. I do not want to say I made a mistake because that really does not apply. A mistake involves an accident, and I made a conscious decision to drive after drinking . . ."

'Stop Loss' special pay application deadline approaches

Karen Parrish

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are working to remind veterans and current servicemembers who were involuntarily retained in the military under the so-called "Stop Loss" program to apply for special pay before the deadline, Dec. 3.

Military members whose service was involuntarily extended or whose retirement was suspended between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, are entitled to a retroactive payment of \$500 for each month of extension.

By law, servicemembers who received a bonus for voluntarily re-enlisting or extending their service are not eligible for the special pay, officials said, but they added that they strongly urge people who even think they may be eligible to submit an application before the deadline.

Information on the special pay and links to the application are available at www.defense.gov/stoploss.

About 65,000 of 145,000 eligible claims have been paid, and \$243 million has been disbursed of the \$534 million appropriated, officials said.

President Barack Obama released a video message Sept. 15 urging eligible servicemembers and veterans to apply.

"You served with honor. You did your duty. And when your country called on you again, you did your duty again," he said in the message. "Now, it's time to collect the special pay that you deserve."

The services are promoting the retroactive pay through national and regional media, direct mail, veteran and service organizations, Web sites and phone lines. Information about the special pay also has been included on civilian and retiree pay stubs.

Related Sites: www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710_stoploss.

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Photos by Pfc. Emily Knitter

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William J. Lynn III (foreground) talks to Soldiers with 5/7 Cav., 1st AAB, 3rd ID, USD – C during his visit to Joint Security Station Falcon, Oct. 26.

Lynn also presented coins to 176 Soldiers, expressing his appreciation for all their sacrifices and dedication during their time in Iraq.

UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters were staged and waiting as soon as Lynn finished, and quickly whisked him off to JSS Falcon, where he visited with Soldiers from 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, USD-C.

JSS Falcon was recently transferred from U.S. control to the Government of Iraq, and 5/7 Cav. Soldiers are partners with Iraqi Police officers, with the 2nd Iraqi National Police Division, on a daily basis.

"I know you transferred Falcon to the Iraqis just in the last few weeks," Lynn said. "That represents a significant achievement, that you have trained them well enough that they are able to handle this on their own with just a relatively small contingent of U.S. forces behind them, and in just over a year they probably won't have any U.S. forces behind them. You are going to need to train them so they can handle this on their own; that means not only the fighting, but the maintenance and support, all the things that make the U.S. (Army) the best army in the world."

While at JSS Falcon, Lynn presented nine officers and senior noncommissioned officers with awards earned for those Soldiers' efforts throughout the deployment.

"The country recognizes the sacrifices you and your Families are making, and it is recognized and appreciated by the chain of command, the civilian leadership, the department, the president and most importantly, by the American people," he said.



Soldiers with 5/7 Cav., 1st AAB, 3rd ID, salute the flag during U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William J. Lynn's visit to Joint Security Station Falcon, Oct. 26.



Sgt. Robert Schaffner

Thirteen Soldiers were retired at Club Stewart with a combined 259 years of service, Oct. 28.

13 Soldiers retired in Club Stewart ceremony

Sgt. Robert Schaffner Jr.

The Frontline Staff

Thirteen Soldiers from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield were retired in a formal ceremony held at Club Stewart, Oct. 28. Their combined years of service represented 259 years in the Army, 24 years of combined combat service and 133 years of marriage.

Following introductory remarks, the ceremony began with the national anthem and an invocation.

Colonel Mark N. McDonald, commander of Stewart-Hunter Dental Activity, then commented on the dedication of the retiring Soldiers, whose selfless service to this country ranged from 20 to 25 years in uniform with an average of more than 21 years per Soldier. After his remarks, Col. McDonald and Sergeant Major Robert S. McRae, Garrison Operations Sergeant Major, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, recognized each of the retirees and their spouses.

The following Soldiers were retired during Thursday's ceremony:

Chief Warrant Officer Michael Ferrea, 24 years

1st Sgt. Willie Freeman, 23 years

1st Sgt. Lester McKinney, 20 years

Master Sgt. Robert Williams, 20 years

Sgt. 1st Class Chris Richardson, 22 years

Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Dowdell, 25 years

Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Maryland, 22 years

Staff Sgt. John Mosko Jr., 20 years

Staff Sgt. Phillip Fentiman, 20 years

Staff Sgt. Ray Moore, 23 years

Staff Sgt. Steve Gilbert, 20 years

Staff Sgt. Angel Aponte, 20 years

Sgt. David Filiatre, 20 years

The ceremony concluded with Retreat, the retirement medley and everyone singing the Dog Face Soldier song and the Army song. The next retirement ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 24.

CAB continues redeployment



Chief Warrant Officer Steve Mullett, 3rd CAB

About 250 Soldiers from the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade returned to Hunter Army Airfield, Oct. 28. The brigade spent the past year in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

3rd ID Soldiers build lasting ties

Sgt. Mary S. Katzenberger
1st AAB, 3rd ID, USD-C Public Affairs

BAGHDAD — School is out for the day at the North Halabsah School northwest of Baghdad.

The Iraqi boys and girls swarm out of their classrooms, smiling, carrying backpacks and holding hands. Laughter floats along the cool October breeze.

On a typical day, when let out of school, the students wander off to their homes — scattered throughout endless acres of farmland miles from city centers and marketplaces — but Oct. 10, the students instead joined their parents at the school, along with other adults from the community, to receive basic medical examinations, medicine and school supplies from Iraqi Army Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division.

The combined medical engagement, conducted in collaboration with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Division – Center, was organized by the IA to support its continuing efforts to build trust with the Iraqi people in the North Halabsah area—people who, due to the rural location in which they live and work, have very little regular interaction with the Iraqi Security Forces.

Corporal Ahmed Ayad, a medic with 2nd Bn., 37th Bde, 9th IA Div., was one of four medics and two doctors to provide care to the local populace.

Corportal Ayad said participating in the humanitarian aid mission — which provided medical assistance to more than 70 men, women and children—made him feel good, and that the mission was beneficial to his unit.

“I’m trying to help the population (and) that gives them a good impression about the military, especially for the kids,” he said. “Giving them (school supplies) and medical supplies reflects (well) on the military.”

The medical engagement at the North Halabsah School was different from the similar missions that had been previously conducted, in that the IA assumed full responsibility for the operation.

The location was secured by IA Soldiers and leaders, with the exception of U.S. forces providing the services of a female physician assistant, Capt. Anna Chavez, and two female medics, Spc. Rebecca Nadine Slagle and Spc. Jessica Chandler, all with 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st AAB, 3rd ID.

“It’s nice when we come out and ... let the Iraqis take the lead—that’s exactly what they’re doing today,” said Capt. Paul Worley, commander of A Co., 3/69 Armor. “We’re just providing that advisory role.”

While IA Soldiers secured the site, quickly transformed a wing of classrooms into temporary examination rooms and readied tabletops with medicine ranging from antibiotics and aspirin to hydrocortisone cream and vitamins, Soldiers with A Co. found the Iraqis had things under control, so they took advantage of the opportunity to meet with the IA Soldiers and Halabsah children.

“It’s good to see that the kids are happy to have us out here and to see us helping everybody out with the medical supplies,” said Spc. John Eval, an infantryman with A Co., and a Las Vegas native. “And it’s nice to see all the adults happy to see us out here, having a good time (and) laughing ... with us.”

Second Lieutenant Jassim Aymen, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 37th Bde., 9th IA Div., said he feels the mission was a success on many levels.

“I think (the combined medical engagement) ... is very good for us and for the U.S. Army,” 2nd Lt. Aymen said. “We’re (building) a good relationship (and) friendship together and gaining ... experience from one another. I want to help (the) new Iraqi Army, to support it and build it, and make it like the other armies in the world.”

Second Lieutenant Aymen said he feels a lot of empathy for fellow Iraqis, a natural sentiment he credits to his parents.

“The situation here in Iraq is very difficult, espe-



Photos by Sgt. Mary S. Katzenberger
Sergeant Jonathan Wilhite an infantryman with A Co., 3/69 Armor, 1st AAB, 3rd ID, USD-C, and a Tupelo, Miss., native, jokes with Iraqi children during a medical engagement hosted by 2nd Battalion, 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division, with the support of A Co., 3/69 Armor, at the North Halabsah School northwest of Baghdad, Oct. 10.

cially for the poor people (because of) what Saddam (Hussein)’s regime (did to) people,” he said. “(The regime made) them suffer for a long time. That’s why I take medicine as my profession.”

After the Iraqis left the school grounds, clutching bags full of school supplies and medicine, Worley reflected on the IA’s success of and their performance during the medical engagement.

“It’s nice for us to bring the Iraqi Army out to the people and show them that they’re here to help and ... that they’re here to protect them,” Worley said. “From what we can tell here from the humanitarian aid (mission) we did here previously—and (from) this one—the relationship between the people and the Iraqi Security Forces is strong; there’s trust there and the people appreciate everything that the Iraqi Army is doing for them.”

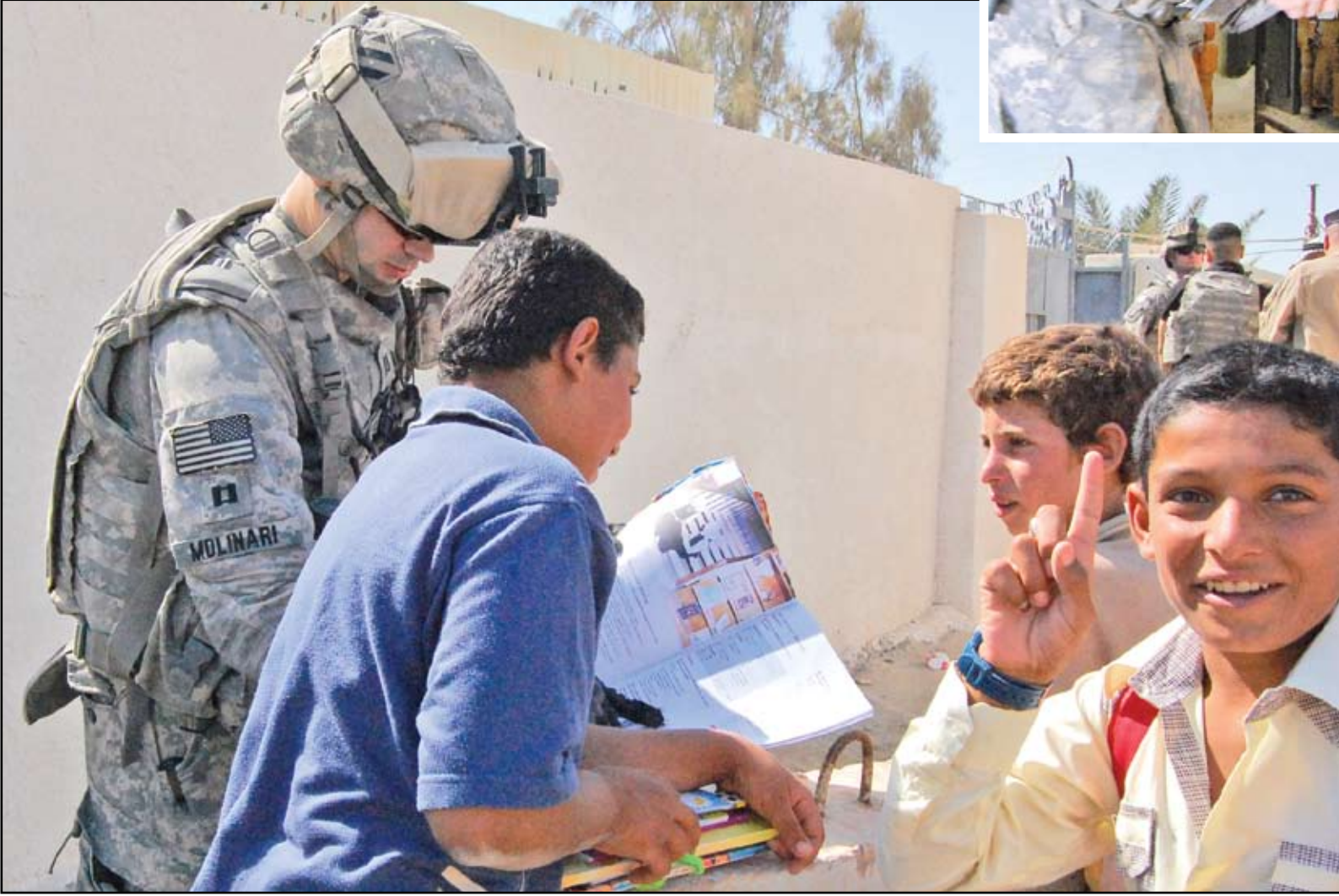


RIGHT: A shy Iraqi girl embraces her mother, while waiting to be seen by medical personnel at a medical engagement hosted by 2nd Battalion, 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division, with the support of A Co., 3/69 Armor, 1st AAB, 3rd ID, USD-C, at the North Halabsah School northwest of Baghdad, Oct. 10.

RIGHT: Captain Anna Chavez, a physician assistant with 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Division – Center, and a Savannah, Ga. native, shares a laugh with an Iraqi girl and her mother Oct. 10 during a medical engagement hosted by 2nd Battalion, 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division, with the support of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st AAB, 3rd Inf. Div., at the North Halabsah School northwest of Baghdad.



LEFT: Captain Ryan Molinari, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3/69 Armor, 1st AAB, 3rd ID, USD-C, and a Oswego, N. Y. native, looks at a school book with Iraqi children waiting to be seen by medical personnel, Oct. 10, during a medical engagement hosted by 2nd Battalion, 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division, with the support of Company A, 3rd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., at the North Halabsah School northwest of Baghdad.



Marne Faces Marne Places

Vanguard Brigade Soldiers to become US citizens

Staff Sgt. Tanya Thomas
4th AAB, 3rd ID Public Affairs

AL ANBAR PROVINCE, Iraq – They hail from all over the world, but together, five Vanguard Brigade Soldiers share one common goal — to become American citizens.

Privates First Class Oh Young Kwon, Jesus Moreta, Claudio Guana, Philip Reeves and Spc. Mubarak Musal – all assigned to the 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, will have their dreams become a reality when they partake in a naturalization ceremony scheduled in Baghdad, Nov. 11.

“Ever since I moved to the United States, this was my No. 1 goal — to be a citizen,” said Pfc. Kwon, a 24-year-old Soldier with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th AAB, 3rd ID.

Private First Class Kwon said he left Korea and moved to Virginia in 2004, and after graduating high school, worked with his father for two years.

“I realized that wasn’t what I really wanted to do,” he said. “I thought it would be fun to join the Army. The (Americans) helped us during the Korean War, and I wanted to give back and help during (the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom and beginning of New Dawn.) All of my buddies are citizens, and I wanted to be a part of them.”

One of Pfc. Kwon’s buddies and fellow Co. C Soldier, Spc. Moreta, shares the same goal and will also earn his U.S. citizenship Nov. 11.

“Everybody wants to live in the United States,” said Spc. Moreta, a 22-year-old Dominican Republic native. “Everywhere you go, you have to work hard, but it’s easier in the United States because of the oppor-

tunities, the help you can get from the government and the agencies that can assist you with getting a good job. In my (native) country, it’s hard. There are not that many jobs available.”

Specialist Moreta moved to Massachusetts in 2006. He said joining the Army was something he always wanted to do.

“I always liked the Army,” he said. “Joining the Army was always on my mind. I only knew a little bit of English when I came here though. It took me two years to actually join the Army because my English was not that good.”

Specialist Moreta said through perseverance, he overcame his language barrier.

“I put in my mind that I’m going to do it,” Spc. Moreta said. “This was my dream, and I know that this country has helped me a lot.”

Private First Class Gauna, with Company D, 3/7 Inf., and an Argentina native, and Pfc. Reeves, with Co. B, 3rd Bn., 7th Inf. Regt., are equally enthusiastic about becoming American citizens.

“It’s an achievement that not everyone can get,” said Pfc. Gauna, a 37-year-old infantryman. “I am proud to have made it.”

Private First Class Reeves said the opportunity is a dream come true.

Private First Class Musal, an interpreter with Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th AAB, and a 34-year-old Sudan native, said coming to America meant opportunity, and that gaining citizenship means he can finally call the United States his home.

“The United States is the place where everyone wants to be — because of freedom,” he said. “(There) you can live a better life.”



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Volunteer spotlight!

Name: Diane Cloutier

Activity/Unit Volunteering for: 1st HBCT

Spouse's Unit: 1st HBCT

Hometown: San Diego, Calif.

Volunteer Title: 1st HBCT FRG Advisor

Why do you volunteer? To support my husband in his job to provide leadership and guidance to the Soldiers and Families in his charge.

To assist the Family Readiness Group in preparing Families for spouses deployments and handling day to day challenges. To direct those in need of help, to the proper agencies.

What do you like most about volunteering?

It is the pleasure I derive from giving to those in need and knowing that I made a difference in someone's life.

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“Furthermore, the creation of this clinic acknowledges that we have listened to our beneficiaries and are focused on patient-centered care,” Col. Cordts continued. “Many of our Families may have unmet demands for primary care, reside off post and would benefit greatly from obtaining primary care services closer to where they live.”

A lease has been signed for the clinic to be located at 2451A Hwy 17, in Richmond Hill, which formerly housed the Harvey’s/Food Lion store – close to Blockbusters. A contractor is currently building out the leased space which will be outfitted with brand new equipment, making it a state-of-the-art facility. The clinic will be named the “Richmond Hill Medical Home.”

Family Members will have the option of transferring their enrollment from Winn Army Community

Hospital, Tuttle Army Health Clinic at Hunter Army Airfield, and the TRICARE network to the new clinic. Those registered with TRICARE Prime will not have to re-register. Eligibility for care at the clinic is restricted by law to active-duty Family Members. At the present time, TRICARE For Life, TRICARE Plus, retiree and retiree Family Members are not eligible to receive care at the Richmond Hill Medical Home.

The clinic is expected to employ seven primary care providers and one psychologist, and administer patient-centered care to over 8,000 family members when fully staffed. The clinic will provide pharmacy and laboratory services focused on a primary-care setting.

“This initiative improves access to primary care by reducing reliance on urgent care and emergency

rooms at network facilities for routine health care needs,” said Col. Cordts. “These clinics help to validate The Army Surgeon General’s commitment to improving access to care by ensuring convenient access to primary care in the community that augments the military’s care at the installation’s MTF. We’re trying to keep our services convenient for the patient,” he continued. “The community-based clinic will employ a patient-centered medical home model of health care. This concept emphasizes continuity of care and a culture of trust through developing a strong patient-provider relationship.”

The hospital commander will keep all beneficiaries and the community informed of progress as we move closer to realizing this very worthwhile endeavor with enhanced convenience and access for our active-duty Family Members.

Marne Voices Speak Out

November is Native American Heritage Month. What are some ways we can celebrate contributions of Native American?

“I would like to see a luncheon of all the indigenous foods.”

Faye Couture
Library Director
Hayes Library, Fort Stewart



“Partake in activities such as POW WOWS to learn and experience the culture.”

Spc. Timothy Zetts
1/9 FA, 2nd HBCT



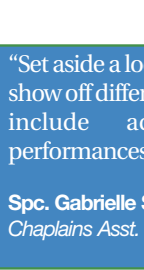
“Set aside time to review the history by reading a good book or watching a movie.”

Mike Iliff
Director of Religious Education for Garrison



“Set aside a location such as the gym to show off different parts of the culture to include activities, food and performances.”

Spc. Gabrielle Shivers
Chaplains Asst. for Garrison



“With Thanksgiving coming up, sit down with the Family and give thanks and remember the origin of the Thanksgiving holiday.”

Capt. Simon Boyd
2nd HBCT



“Meet with people of the culture and learn more about them.”

Faye Dougherty
Cataloging Technician
Hayes Library, Fort Stewart



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Army will see more of same for years, Gen Casey says

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WASHINGTON – Soldiers can look forward to increased time at home station when the Army has all but completely pulled out of Iraq, leaving a larger pool of units free to do rotations in Afghanistan. But those rotations will continue for some time, said the Army's top Soldier.

"This war is a long-term ideological struggle against violent extremism, and our job is not done yet. This war is a long way from over," said Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

General Casey spoke during the "Eisenhower Luncheon" at the Association of the United States Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition. The chief spoke to an audience of several thousand Soldiers, civilians and foreign military members. He used the opportunity to provide an update on the status of the Army, including efforts to put the force back in balance and what Soldiers will be doing back at home when they are not deployed.

By 2012, the chief said, the Army will have enough Soldiers available to train for missions beyond counterinsurgency. They will be able to return to training and preparing for full-spectrum operations.

"We'll have about as many brigades available, but not earmarked for Iraq and Afghanistan, as we will have deploying," he said. "Those that will not be deploying for 12 months will not be sitting on their duffel bags in the barracks. Those not going will be given a training focus for a combatant commander and be available to them for engagement or exercises."

It's both the drawdown in Iraq and growth of the Army that will enable it to give Soldiers more time at home, more time with Family, and more time to train, he said.

The Army has grown by about 95,000 Soldiers since 2007, including some temporary growth, Gen. Casey said.

"That growth, plus the drawdown in Iraq, is what's allowing us to continuously improve the time our Soldiers spend at home, to improve our dwell," he said. "And as I've been here, it's become clearer and clearer to me that the most important thing we can do to restore balance to the Army is to increase our dwell, to increase the time our Soldiers spend at home."

For about five years, he said the Army deployed at one year out and one year back.

"That was absolutely unsustainable" he said, adding that it takes 24-36 months to recover from a one-year combat deployment. "When you turn faster than that the cumulative effects build up faster."

Soldiers freed from grueling deployment cycles to Iraq and Afghanistan under the Army's Force Generation model will be readying themselves for other conflicts that involve a different array of enemies and capabilities, Gen. Casey said.

Such training has already begun at Army combat training centers. The 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, for instance, recently trained at the Joint



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Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. George W. Casey Jr. spoke during the "Eisenhower Luncheon" at the Association of the United States Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition, Oct. 26. He used the opportunity to provide an update on the status of the Army, including efforts to put the force back in balance and what Soldiers will be doing back at home when they are not deployed.

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Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

"They are conducting the first full-spectrum rotation there in quite a while, and I had the opportunity to sit in the grass and listen to a company after-action review and sit in a van and listen to a battalion AAR," Gen. Casey said.

General Casey said he was struck by the fact that Soldiers hadn't, for a while, trained the way the Soldiers at the JRTC were training.

"It was clear that we need to rebuild our appreciation for the ground – a lot of good learning going on," he said of the experience.

Secondly, he said, he was impressed at the skill Soldiers displayed in Fort Polk.

"We are very, very lethal at the company and platoon level," he said. "When these guys closed with the

enemy, they were dominant."

General Casey also took away from the experience insight into young Army leadership – hungry to do better and develop warfighting skills.

"These leaders who had been up for 36 hours preparing a defense – some of the lieutenants you could tell they had dug their own foxhole – and they are sitting there discussing amongst themselves how they can get better at doing what they are doing," he said.

Soldiers prepared with such training can expect to go on to serve in other combat missions that are not in Afghanistan, Gen. Casey said.

"The combatant commanders outside of Central Command have been waiting for you, and you will be received with open arms – and used," he said.

General Casey also said that after nine years of war, the Army may have changed, and that it needs to understand those changes to go forward.

"The impacts of war have changed us as individuals, as professionals, and as a profession in ways we don't yet fully appreciate," he said. "For us to succeed as an Army... it is imperative we gain an understanding of how a decade at war has affected us personally and professionally."

The general said he has asked the director of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command to conduct a study to find what has changed in the Army as a result of two wars spanning nearly a decade.

Army expanding Special Operations force

Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army Special Operations Command will double in size by 2017 compared to what it was before the war on terror, said its commander.

The demand for Special Operations Forces, however, has almost quadrupled, said USASOC commander, Lt. Gen. John F. Mulholland Jr. during the first-ever panel on special operations at the Association of the U.S. Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition, Nov. 2.

"The operations tempo for the force has skyrocketed," Lt. Gen. Mulholland said, later adding that not even the drawdown in Iraq has reduced the number of special operations Soldiers there. He said the deployment ratio for SOF is the highest in the Army, with Soldiers deployed more than they are at home station.

"We will never build enough capacity within the force to meet the demand for the skills and disciplines we bring," Lt. Gen. Mulholland said.

United States Special Operations Command is adding a battalion to each of its five active-duty Special Forces groups, along with its two in the National Guard. The Ranger Regiment stood up a Special Troops Battalion a couple of years ago and additional companies are being planned for each of the Ranger battalions.

What was only a single active-duty civil affairs battalion a few years ago has grown to four battalions, now comprising a full brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C., and the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade plans to add a fifth battalion next year. In addition, plans call for adding a second active-duty civil affairs brigade in the future.

Psychological operations underwent a change this month from Psychological Operations to Military Information Support Operations, or MISO. The 4th PSYOPS Group became the 4th MISG and the 9th PSYOPS Battalion became the 9th MISB. In addition, the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review calls for more PSYOPS companies, but a USASOC spokesman said that growth depends on future funding.

Overall, the budget for U.S. Special Operations Command — the joint organization of which USASOC is a part — should triple by 2017, compared to what it was before Sept. 11, 2001, Lt. Gen. Mulholland projected. He said USASOC actually comprises about half of SOCOM.

United States Special Operations Command now has about 5,000 Soldiers and civilians deployed around the world in more than 50 countries. Small teams still train foreign militaries around the globe, but nowhere are SOF missions more in demand than in Afghanistan, Mulholland said.

Missions in Afghanistan range from high-end, direct-action against insurgents to working with tribal elders in villages, he said. Special Operation Forces helped train the Afghan light infantry and they're now training the Afghan Special Forces. Every type of mission in the SOF quiver is being conducted nightly in Afghanistan, he said.

High in demand for night operations are the modified helicopters of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. Not enough MH-46s are available for the missions, and conventional aircraft must sometimes be used, officials said.

Over the next two years, USASOC plans to stand up an additional MH-47 company, said Brig. Gen. Kevin Mangum, who recently transitioned from being deputy commanding general of the 1st Armored Division and U.S. Division-Center in Iraq to standing up a new Special Operations Aviation Command. Brigadier General Mangum said he arrived at Fort Bragg less than two weeks ago to stand up the new command.

"Our command will bring more capacity," he said, explaining that it will have responsibility for training, research and development, resourcing, and manning. What it will not do initially, though, is bring more helicopters to the fight," Brig. Gen. Mangum said. But he added that his command will



Photos by Gary Sheftick

Staff Sergeant Jason Bryant of the 9th Military Information Support Battalion adjusts the Cheetah telecommunications satellite dish at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command exhibit during the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition, Nov. 2. Formerly called PSYOPS, Soldiers of the MISB use the portable dish for voice communication and to transmit data — including print materials — to and from remote sites.

free up the 160th SOAR to conduct its missions.

Special Operations is rubbing off on the conventional force, when it comes to capability and standards, said Lt. Gen. Daniel P. Bolger, Army G-3/5/7. He said special operations forces set the standard and challenge the rest of the force to meet it.

Special Operations also provides innovation and inspiration to the entire force, said Lt. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., now the J-5 for the Joint Staff and recently the corps commander in Iraq.

"They shared their stuff, they shared their people, they shared their experiences," he said about SOF interacting with the general-purpose force. He added that SOF should no longer ever be considered a "niche" capability, explaining that they are now "fundamental."

Major General James L. Huggins Jr., commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, said his Soldiers sometimes "bird dog" for SOF and often work together with special operations forces as a team. Some of his Soldiers eventually decide to cross over to special operations, he said, but added that SOF gives back to the regular force ten-fold.

Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey Mellinger of Army Materiel Command was also on the panel. He was a Ranger in the 1970s, and said young Soldiers back then looked at SOF differently. Now there is more trust and teamwork, he said, and young Soldiers look to Special Operations Forces for an example — "for what right looks like," he said.

One proof that Special Operations has become more integrated into the regular Army is the existence of the SOF panel itself at the AUSA annual meeting, several of the panel members said.

"A lot of things that began in Special Operations are now ingrained into the Army," Command Sgt. Maj. Mellinger added.



Lieutenant General John F. Mulholland, commander of U.S. Army Special Operations Command, speaks Tuesday at the first-ever panel on special ops at an AUSA annual meeting. He said SOF is growing and becoming more in demand by the "general-purpose force."

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

Spice Up Your Life? You'd better think twice



Capt. Mark Williams

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

A couple of new drugs have been steadily gaining popularity in recent years. Though not yet illegal in many states, both Spice and Salvia are currently illegal under Georgia law, and are prohibited by AR 600-85 and Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield Policy. Violations of Stewart - Hunter policy are equivalent to failing to obey an order, an action punishable under the UCMJ.

Spice is essentially a green, leafy, synthetic form of marijuana that produces similar effects as its natural counterpart. It is marketed under several different

names, including "Genie," "K2," "Deliverance," "Red Dawn," "Red Ball," "Blowout," "Chill," "Dream," and "Spike 99," among others. It is typically packaged in two inch by three inch metallic foil packets bearing its brand name. Spice is currently a "controlled substance" under Georgia law, and is therefore equally as illegal as marijuana.

Salvia Divinorum ("Salvia") is an herb known for producing hallucinogenic effects similar to THC, the main psychoactive substance found in the cannabis plant. Salvinorin A is currently listed as a "dangerous drug" under Georgia law, which prohibits the possession, use or distribution of Salvia. Like Spice, the use

of Salvia is also banned under AR 600-85 and Stewart - Hunter policy.

Studies relating to adverse effects of Spice and Salvia usage are currently being conducted, and poison centers all over the nation have reported more than 350 cases involving incidents of sickness caused by Spice ingestion. The head of the Defense Department's Drug Demand Reduction Program says of Spice, "You may one day have a bag that gives you the effect of normal marijuana... but then again you may have something that is 100 times more potent and could lead to death."

Earlier this year at Hill Air Force Base in Utah, the Air Force discharged seven

Airmen for Spice use, and another eleven are currently pending disciplinary action.

In May of this year, a Marine was convicted at a special court-martial of, among other charges, violation of a lawful general order prohibiting the use of Spice, wrongful possession of Spice with intent to distribute, and solicitation of another to distribute Spice. He received six months confinement and a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

The Navy reported a large-scale bust in July 2009 on the Japan-based aircraft carrier George Washington, resulting in 15 sailors getting separated from the Navy for using Spice.

Education Matters



MyCAA now available

The Department of Defense has resumed the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts, MyCAA, program for qualifying spouses only. There are new restrictions, so MyCAA is no longer open to all military spouses. The changes reflect a return to the original intent of the program – to assist spouses of servicemembers in the pay grades of E-1 to E-5, W1-W2, and 01-02 achieve portable careers. The approved education programs are only associate's degrees, licensure, and certifications. Funding assistance will be up to \$4,000 with an annual cap of \$2,000 per spouse, per fiscal year. To open an account and to see the full details of the new program, go to the secure Web site, <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>. Please allow for 14 days for approval of all financial assistance documents.

All spouses (even if you no longer qualify for the MyCAA program) that have had a MyCAA account can still access all your course information by logging-into the MyCAA Web site. If information is needed on other sources of financial assistance please contact a Military OneSource consultant at 800-342-9647.

Medical Programs briefings announced

Interested in Army Health Care Careers? Sergeant First Class Elizabeth Cimaglio, the station Commander for the new Savannah Health Care Recruiting Station, will be conducting monthly briefings the third Wednesday of each month for those interested in obtaining a commission with the US Army Medical Department.

There are a wide variety of programs available to any Soldier or Family Member who has a bachelor degree (or is close to completing their four year degree). The career fields not only cover the wide spectrum of medical specialties, but include social work, environmental science, and health care administrative assistant. Many programs include financial incentives such as stipends, loan repayment and bonuses.

The next briefing is at the education center on Fort Stewart at 2 p.m., Nov. 17.

Sergeant First Class Cimaglio is also the POC for all

interested in any of the AMEDD programs. Reach her at Elizabeth.cimaglio@usarec.army.mil or by calling 877-358-9595.

Savannah State to promote MPA

A representative from Savannah State University will be on hand in the lobby of the education center at Fort Stewart to explain their Master of Public Administration Program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 29. Students may concentrate in Public Management, Human Resources, Non-Profit Management, Urban Studies and Planning or Healthcare Administration. You may reach Petrina Turner by e-mailing petri-naturner@hotmail.com or phoning 912-604-7068.

Embry-Riddle Scholarships announced

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has three types of awards available to their students.

Excellence Award - \$100 annual award for students (in good academic standing) who have provided outstanding community service in any capacity or who can demonstrate an extreme financial situation that require assistance in purchasing a textbook. To apply, send an e-mail to savannah.center@erau.edu stating the reasons you think you deserve to be considered.

Worldwide Scholars – A \$500 award for students enrolled full-time, junior or senior status with minimum grade point average of 3.5 or higher and evident participation in community service activities. Apply on-line in Nov, Feb, May & Aug by going to www.erau.edu and clicking on [admissions/scholarships](#).

Student Success Initiative - Students in continuing status that have a CGPA of 3.0 or higher that have not registered for a course since before the July 2010 term have been selected to receive up to \$500 to be applied toward tuition in the Oct. or Nov. term. Qualified students who have received an e-mail from ERAU should contact your ERAU rep to take advantage of this opportunity. For more detailed information, call 912-450-0073.

Source available for Post-9/11 GI Bill

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33, is a non-contrib-

utory benefit (no up-front payment required by Soldiers) for those who served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. The Veterans Administration Web site at www.gibill.va.gov provides in-depth eligibility information for all VA chapters and a link to the on-line application. It also includes all information and steps concerning the transferability to Family Members. Also check out the new Web site, www.ebenefits.va.gov where you can view the status of your VA benefits and much more. If you have questions after exploring the Web site, call 888-442-4551.

CLEP now at Stewart-Hunter

The College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are now available at both education center sites. The exams are free for military personnel; however, there is now a charge to re-test on a previously administered exam. CLEP tests are \$92 and DSSTs are \$100. The Hunter Test Center requires pre-registration at www.ccis.edu/nationwide/main.asp?Hunter. Contact the Columbia College test administrator by calling 912-352-8635 at Hunter or 912-767-7588 at Fort Stewart.

Online academic skills course offered

The Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course is now available to all the Services, DoD Civilians, and Family Members. OASC is designed for individuals who want to build their math and verbal skills to excel in their jobs, pass their exams, advance their careers, or continue their education. The course will diagnose the individual's current level of reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math abilities and teach the concepts and skills needed to increase proficiency in each of these academic areas.

This course is available free of charge and can be accessed on any computer at any time. To register, click on www.petersons.com/dantes. The same site also provides free study resources for GED, SAT, CLEP, ASVAB, etc.

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Weekend dining facility hours scheduled

The Fort Stewart weekend dining facility for Saturday and Sunday will be the Provider DFAC, building 726, for brunch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and supper, 3:50-5 p.m.; STB DFAC, building 207, for breakfast, 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

The Hunter Army Airfield weekend dining facility for Saturday and Sunday will be 1/75 Ranger Dining Facility, building 110. Dining facility weekend / holiday serving hours are brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and supper, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

The DFAC Hotline is 912-767-4991.

Register for Birdies for Brave Tournament

Palmetto Hall Golf Club, Hilton Head Island, S.C., plans a Birdies for the Brave Golf Tournament, Friday. Register by 11:30 a.m. with start time of 12:30 p.m. Only 10 slots left. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers are encouraged to participate. Contact Sgt. Maj. Ricky Davis at 912-435-9737 or ricky.davis1@conus.army.mil; or Master Sgt. Michael Brock at 912-435-9745.

A single-digit golf handicap is strongly recommended. Appropriate golf attire during the event will be strictly enforced. Four registered players will be paired up with one Military Hero in a modified Scramble format. A reception will follow the game and include an awards presentation and hors d'oeuvres.

Misdialed calls addressed

The 911 Center is receiving multiple misdialed calls due to the newly implemented Stewart-Hunter Dialing Instructions. If you accidentally call the 911 Center, please do not hang up; emergency dispatchers are required to treat a hang up as a potential emergency and will attempt to call you back or send a police officer to your location to investigate. Stay on the line and inform the dispatcher of the dialing error to reduce multiple false responses.

To make a long distance call, you must dial "97" then "1," plus the desired 10-digit number. To make a local call, you must dial "99" then the desired 7-digit number. To make a DSN call you must dial "94" then the desired seven- or 10-digit number.

Exchange gives troops a chance to win

Starting Friday, military shoppers can rest easy as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service teams with Serta Mattresses to give away approximately \$4,000 in Sharp HDTVs.

Prizes in the Serta Sweepstakes include a 60", 52", and 46" Sharp Aquos LCD HDTV.

Authorized Exchange shoppers worldwide can register at participating stores for their chance to win one of the three TVs through Nov. 11. Prizes will be awarded on or about Dec. 17.

No purchase is necessary as shoppers need only to fill out an entry form at a participating location for a chance to win.

Adopt a Soldier for the holidays

Soldiers needed for the Adopt a Soldier Program!

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program is still seeking Soldiers to participate and Families to adopt a Soldier for Thanksgiving and December holiday season. Registration is open through Nov. 4 for Thanksgiving and until Dec. 3 for the December holiday season. For more information and to register, call the BOSS office at 912-767-9917.

Winter golf specials offered

Starting Nov. 8 through January, Taylors Creek Golf Course and Hunter Golf Club are offering a special to stay in golf shape during the winter season. Purchase a large bucket of driving range balls and receive a small bucket Free. For more information, call 912-767-2370 (Stewart), 912-315-9115 (Hunter).

Donate to the CFC

The Combined Federal Campaign continues through Dec. 15. Federal employees interested in

giving through the Combined Federal Campaign can contact their key worker or call the Coastal GA Combined Federal Campaign office at 912-651-7717. For more information go to www.cfccoastalga.org.

Vehicle Registration office hours changing

Effective Saturday, the Vehicle Registration hours of operation at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will change to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is closed on federal holidays and weekends.

Healthcare Clinic planned for Richmond Hill

Family Members of active duty members stationed in and around Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will soon have improved and more convenient access to healthcare with the projected Spring 2011 opening of an Army Community-based Primary Care Clinic in Richmond Hill, Ga. A lease has been signed for the clinic to be located at 2451A Hwy 17 in Richmond Hill, which formerly housed the Harvey's/Food Lion store – close to Blockbusters.

Family Members will have the option of transferring their enrollment from Winn Army Community Hospital, Tuttle Army Health Clinic at Hunter Army Airfield, and the TRICARE network to the new clinic. Those registered with TRICARE Prime will not have to re-register. The hospital commander will keep all beneficiaries and the community informed of progress as we move closer to realizing this very worthwhile endeavor.

Shop of the Marne sets fall hours

Fall hours have begun! In addition to Tuesday and Thursday the shop will also be open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Thursdays from 3-6 p.m. Stop by and check out the ever expanding and changing selection and maybe even find a few holiday gifts.

Interested in volunteering at the shop? We're always looking for a little help. Want to be a little more involved? The Shop of the Marne is looking for a Chairperson. Or maybe you're looking for an outlet for your crafty talents? The Shop is always looking for new consigners. If you are interested in any or all of the above e-mail Val Quintilliani at shopofthemarne@hotmail.com.

3rd ID Band rocks Youtube

As the 3rd ID returns home from Afghanistan and Iraq, the talented musicians of the Marne Band put together these music videos for you—the Family, friends, and Army Civilians of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. We hope you enjoy them as you either prepare for the return of your cherished Soldier, or as you are enjoying each other's company during a welcome homecoming. Rock of the Marne!

See the videos at :

www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaYJSnmKYfY - "Radar Love"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXIff6w2kMnc - "It's My Life"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ofehm5S262M - "What About Now"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hD9txJFRho0 - "500 Miles"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ieq-P9ZwdXs - "Wherever You Are"

Suicide Prevention classes available

Help prevent suicide, a preventable public health problem by getting trained, becoming aware, never leaving a suicidal person alone, and respecting with dignity those who seem to be overwhelmed with feelings of stress, loss, hopelessness or despair. Soldiers and DA Civilians are required to receive one hour of suicide prevention training annually. However, Family Members and Family Readiness Groups are encouraged to participate. November courses:

ACE intervention, Fort Stewart and Hunter, ASAP Building, one hour, 10-11:00 hours, Nov. 16

ASIST TRAINING: Fort Stewart Main Post Chapel, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Nov. 18-19

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Stewart-Hunter ASAP Building, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Nov. 9

UNIT and FRG PRESENTATIONS: Upon request at Fort Stewart and Hunter

For more information or FRG/Unit briefs contact call 767-5828, or e-mail Alfrieda.adams2@us.army.mil.

STEWART

Come to Sgt Rocky's Puppet Show

Come to Sgt. Rocky's Neighborhood Puppet Show at the Family Readiness Center, building 87, Nov. 17 and Dec. 7. This ACS production, starring SGT Rocky, Tonya Tommy, Rachel Feat and Lady Liberty, is Rated G for ages 9 and under.

For more information, contact ACS at 912-767-5058/5059. We're currently focusing on reintegration issues. Requests are taken for deployment and unit shows or special events.

Tell Me a Story coming to Stewart

Join us at Club Stewart from 3-4 p.m., Nov. 14, for the Military Child Education Coalition's Tell Me A Story: Making Connections and Finding Support through Literature. It is an initiative that was created to empower our military children by using literature and their own stories. Tell Me A Story is geared toward children ages 4-12. Each Family present will receive a copy of The Three Questions, based on a story by Leo Tolstoy. Guest reader is Dr. Samantha Ingram, Superintendent of Fort Stewart Schools.

Hands-on activities, snacks, and a fun learning experience will be provided. Admission is free. Reserve your space by Nov. 10. Contact FtStewartP2P@aol.com or Kristy Cormier at 912-877-9111.

SJA move complete

The Fort Stewart and 3rd ID Legal Assistance Office will has moved to its new location, 1st Floor, Building 709, 1791 Gulick Ave. Building 709 is located next to Popeye's and across the street from the Fort Stewart Golf Course. This move allows the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate to better serve Fort Stewart's Soldiers and their Family Members by having the Legal Assistance Office on the first floor with parking readily available. The OSJA Claims office will also move to building 709 but will move at a later date. More information will follow.

If you have any questions, please call 767-8819/8809/7713.

Cemetery tour planned

Community Members are invited to join the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Cemetery Council for the installation's fall cemetery and historical site visit, Nov. 17. The upcoming event visits Smith Chapel, JE Moody, Bethel, and Strickland Pond cemeteries. Families remembered at these cemeteries include Anderson, Atkins, Bacon, Bland, Booth, Boothe, Branch, Brook, Brown, Byrd, Curry, Darsey, Dasher, Delk, Denmark, Easterling, Garrison, Gurry, Hardy, Hodges, Mock, Moody, Murrell, Porter, Simmons, Smiley, Strickland, Stubbs, Wheler, Willis, Woodrum, and more.

Participants can meet at either the installation's Pass and Permit Office, building 8093, on Highway 144 (8-8:45 a.m.), or at the Liberty County Recreation Area/Hinesville National Guard parking lot on Highway 84 (7:30-8:15 a.m.). Buses will be prepositioned at both locations. Both buses link up at Pass and Permit at 0845 before departing. The tour leaves shortly after 9 a.m.

Attendees will be afforded the opportunity to reserve/purchase a box lunch for \$4.25 before the tour leaves. Payment will be collected at the tour's sign-in table. Please provide exact change to help expedite this activity. In addition, participants may wish to bring a bottle of water for refreshment along the route.

Port-a-Potty and hand washing stations will be located at Smith Chapel and Strickland Pond Cemeteries. Comfortable clothing and flat walking shoes are suggested for the trip. If inclement weather prevails, the cemetery visit will be postponed to a later date with the same itinerary.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you wish to reserve a space, please call Pat Young, 912-435-9872 or e-mail Patrick.young@us.army.mil.

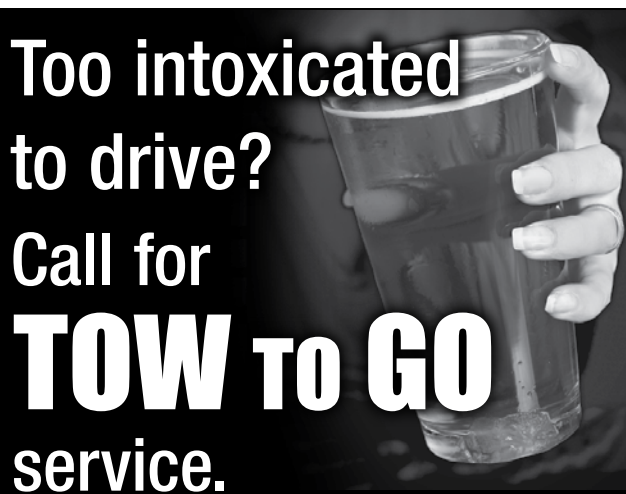


Stewart-Hunter Dining Facilities will hold will hold their Thanksgiving meal at the 2nd HBCT, 3rd Sustainment Bde., and Hunter Army Airfield consolidated dining facility from 12-2 p.m., Nov. 24.

• Menu includes: Shrimp Cocktail, Roast Turkey, Pineapple Baked Ham, Roast Beef, Cornish Hens, Mashed Potatoes, Bread Dressing, Cornbread Dressing, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Giblet Gravy, Brown Gravy, Seasoned Corn, Seasoned Green Beans, Vegetable Salad, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Pecan Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Sweet Potato Pie, Apple Pie and assorted drinks & juices.

• Standard rate of \$7 shall be charged to all sergeants and above, officers and military guests. Discount rate of \$4.95 shall be charged to Family Members of enlisted personnel, private – special-ist. Civilians may eat in dining facilities after the first operational hour.

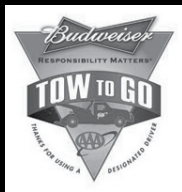
Note: The 3rd Sustainment Bde. and Hunter Army Airfield consolidated facility will serve a second Thanksgiving meal to residual Soldiers, Nov. 25



AAA Auto Club South and Budweiser have teamed up to offer a free tow and ride home to anyone too tipsy to drive.

The number to call is 1-800-AAA-HELP. Thanksgiving - New Year's Day.

Caller identities are kept confidential.



For more information contact the Installation Safety Office
912-767-7880

Army leaders reaffirm commitment to survivors

Rob McIlvaine
FMWRC Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – The Association of the United States Army presented an inaugural Family Forum titled, “America’s Families – Caring for our Survivors,” during its annual meeting and exposition, Oct. 27.

Senior Army leaders participating in the forum included Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., who was joined by his wife Sheila, as well as Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of the Installation Management Command and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management; and Maj. Gen. Reuben D. Jones, commanding general of the Family and MWR Command.

“Survivors deserve a network of comprehensive support,” Maj. Gen. Jones said. “We will search tirelessly to find assistance for our Survivors and provide them with the support they need.”

Earlier in the day, Maj. Gen. Jones traveled to Arlington National Cemetery where he, Carolyn Maupin, who lost her son Staff Sgt. Matthew Maupin in Iraq, and a battle buddy of a fallen

Soldier laid a wreath with other survivors at the Tomb of the Unknowns in honor of all surviving Family Members of fallen warriors.

Because everyone grieves in their own way, some of the survivors in town this week to attend the SOS Army Family Action Plan Summit chose not to attend the wreath laying ceremony.

But they all traveled to the AUSA survivor’s forum where they were honored by senior Army leaders and AUSA Family Programs Director Sylvia Kidd.

Although pulled together on short notice, Kidd, with the help of SOS Program Managers Donna Engeman and Hal Snyder, was ready for the survivors when they arrived.

“It really was not difficult at all, because it fits right in with our mission to articulate and support the needs and interests of all Army Families who are experiencing higher levels of stress due to frequent separations, repeated deployments and loss,” Kidd said.

General Casey opened the meeting by saying that what the Army is doing for survivors cannot be a cookie-cutter program, but must be able to deal with

the long process of grieving.

“Yes, SOS is in its infancy,” he said. “We began with an idea, to bring survivors in who could speak about their own process and how to make it better. After a few years of annual summits, this year, the SOS workgroups worked long hours to refine and articulate eight issues that will be presented in January at the Army Family Action Plan conference. We’ve come a long way.

Deborah H. Tainsh, a Gold Star mom and author of “Heart of a Hawk,” lost her son, Sgt. Patrick Shannon Tainsh on Feb. 11, 2004, when he was killed in Baghdad, Iraq. She thanked the general for all his work.

“I spent the last two days pounding these issues, working hand-in-hand with subject matter experts, and I want to thank you for all you’ve done,” she said.

Certain issues still resonated and none of the SOS survivors who had attended the SOS AFAP summit were shy to speak up.

“The Army needs to help Soldiers be better prepared,” said one participant. “We need to prepare for the unthink-

able. My husband Mark and I discussed his death and planned his funeral. All I had to do was implement it. I’ve had so many Families tell me they don’t know how to begin or what to talk about.”

General Casey responded by explaining it’s hard to have an Army program for personal decisions, but “we we are taking on the training to help with planning,” Gen. Casey said.

Many Soldiers are still reluctant to ask for help, or to face difficult planning decisions, he explained, and the Army is working diligently to remove the stigma that those Soldiers associate with asking for help.

“When I began as Chief of Staff, 90 percent of our Soldiers wouldn’t admit to a problem for fear of losing their career,” Gen. Casey said. “Now that number is 50 percent...”

At the conclusion of his remarks, Maj. Gen. Jones unveiled a newly created SOS logo, reiterating his personal commitment to caring for Survivors.

“When I meet with Survivors, the thing I tell them is that we will never, ever leave them behind,” Maj. Gen. Jones said. “And I mean it.”

2010 IMCOM exhibit welcomes all to the Army’s home

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WASHINGTON – One of the first groups of visitors to the Installation Management Command’s exhibit at the 2010 Association of the U.S. Army’s annual meeting and exposition was a video crew from Fort Benning, Ga.

Staff Sergeant Wendy Hall and Staff Sgt. Sarah Tate, both members of Fort Benning’s public affairs office, videotaped the Army 10-miler, Oct. 24, then came to the AUSA expo to shoot a series of videos on Family Forums and the rapidly evolving technology supporting the U.S. Army.

“It was unexpected,” Staff Sgt. Tate said. “We’re pro-

ducing a video on AUSA, with its emphasis on weapons and technology, but much of the real emphasis here is on the Family.”

The video, which “focuses on the Army communities and the quality of life afforded Soldiers and their Families,” Staff Sgt. Hall said, will be available for viewing on Fort Benning TV and on their garrison’s YouTube channel.

Surrounded by hundreds of booths — some exhibiting the most recent equipment and products and most made of stainless steel, chrome, and futuristic graphics — the IMCOM booth was designed to look like a small brick bungalow (complete with window flower boxes).

The intent, according to IMCOM leadership,

was to “drive home the fact that we are the Army’s home.”

The new IMCOM logo was the centerpiece of the exhibit, and is representative of the four major facets of Army community life: stewardship, readiness, facilities and Families.

More than 7,000 visitors stopped by, from Soldiers looking to IMCOM as the Army’s Home for a place to relax to corporate leaders stopping by to promote business ventures with the Army.

The exhibit was staffed by representatives and senior leaders from Army Environmental Command, Family and MWR Command, Army OneSource, Army Spouse Employment Program, and Survivor Outreach Services.

Black Diamonds construct new combat outpost at Deh Yak

1st Lt. Anton Faustmann
92nd Engineer Battalion

The 92nd Engineer Battalion, “Black Diamonds,” recently expanded its construction sphere of influence to approximately 50 kilometers northwest of the battalion headquarters in Sharana, Afghanistan, to the Deh Yak District of the eastern Ghazni Province.

Continuing the mission to build additional infrastructure for the surge of coalition forces in the Regional Command-East, the Black Diamonds dispatched two platoons, 3rd Platoon, 554th Engineer Company (Vertical), and 2nd Platoon, 984th Engineer Company (Horizontal), to construct a new combat outpost in Deh Yak. By constructing this outpost, the engineers extended coalition influence deeper into the Ghazni Province, which had been subject to the brutal attacks and coercive activities of its small, but relatively powerful, population of Taliban fighters. Out of necessity, the engineers emphasized speed of construction of Deh Yak in order to curb the trend of violence before the end of Ramadan and in time to provide addition-

al security for elections. Furthermore, coalition forces could further deny the freedom of movement that the Taliban had long enjoyed within the Ghazni Province.

A reconnaissance revealed that the site consisted of a barren, rolling tract of land situated next to a small Afghan National Army outpost and a small Afghan National Police station. Several mountains rose to the north, and the village of Deh Yak lay to the south and east. When the main body of Black Diamond engineers arrived several weeks later, Angel Company, 3/187th Infantry Battalion, was already conducting full-spectrum operations on a daily basis from an extremely austere COP Deh Yak. They did not have any guard towers yet, so they secured the perimeter with their blast-resistant vehicles, and from behind 11-foot-high HESCO barricades that 2nd Platoon, 984th Engineer Co., 92nd Engineer Bn., had built only days before. Their Soldiers lived in a shantytown of improvised hooches made from a quilt-work of random tarps. They had one burnout latrine with only three stalls. The ambient, brownish-yellow moon dust coated every-

thing and everyone. Needless to say, Angel Company was eager to provide security so that the engineers could go to work.

First Lieutenant Robert Wald and Sgt. 1st Class Kelvin Hall, platoon leader and platoon sergeant for 2nd Platoon, 984th Engineer Co., led the horizontal construction effort. First Lieutenant Anton Faustmann and Staff Sgt. Demetrius Moore led 3rd Platoon, 554th Engineer Co.’s vertical construction mission. When the Soldiers of 3rd Platoon, 554th Engineer Company arrived, they immediately began constructing four guard towers, a burnout latrine, a B-Hut, and 24, 22-foot x 34-foot wooden structure tent decks.

When the engineers finished, the COP had running water, functional guard towers, tents with air conditioning and electricity, gravel to control the moon dust, and a hardened command and control structure.

Despite the sporadic efforts of the local enemy, the Black Diamonds completed construction on time. Thanks to these engineers, an American infantry unit can operate more effectively in support of the “surge” in Afghanistan.



1st Lt. Anton Faustmann

A crew of 3rd Platoon Soldiers, led by Staff Sergeant Cordelia Fitchard, construct one of the four guard towers at COP Deh Yak.

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Sgt. Robert Schaffner

"Mindy Marne" and "Carlos" discuss reintegration issues during SGT Rocky's Neighborhood, the Fort Stewart ACS program to help children deal with deployment issues.

On Oct. 28, children eagerly sat, watched, listened and interacted with the puppets on subjects regarding various reintegration topics such as how to prepare for when Mommy or Daddy comes home, late arrival due to delayed flights and many more topics answered thru skits by puppets and their puppeteers and their character host's Linda Liberty and Mindy Marne.

"I enjoyed seeing how the puppets interacted with the kids and (got) them to ask and answer questions," said Sgt. Joseph Wilk, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, who brought his children to the show.

The show was a hit with its intended audience – the children.

"I thought the show was great," said Emily Wilk, daughter of Sgt. Wilk. "Carlos was my favorite (puppet)."

For some parents, the topics were already discussed at home, but were reinforced for a clearer understanding at the puppet show.

"The show was very informative," said Jennifer Kennedy, wife of Spc. John Kennedy with 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "I especially liked how the puppets covered how flights may be delayed. I have explained that already to my three children, but it was good to see it being reinforced here. I think (the children) understood it more by hearing it here."

The program is appreciated by parents and 3rd ID command alike.

"This is a great event for the kids; hopefully they get something out of it," said Lt. Col. Chris Love, rear-detachment commander. "This provides the children with another source of information, not just their parents, to inform them about reintegration."

Moseley encourages parents to watch for signs of lingering stress, reactions and behaviors that are unusual for their children.

"If reactions persist, or increase in intensity or frequency, or interfere with daily living or school performance, seek professional help," she said. "In particular, look for significant changes in appetite or sleep, not enjoying or participating in favorite activities, being unhappy, sad or depressed, getting into fights, withdrawing from friends or becoming a loner at school or home, changes in academic performance/significant drop in grades, controlling his or her temper."

Moseley further added that studies and research on the effects of combat deployment on children, and especially specific to reintegration, are few.

Because children are so aware of their parent's emotions and behavior, it is vitally important that parents and other caregivers maintain a healthy lifestyle and nurture their own body, mind and spirit – healthy living reduces stress and generates happiness within the entire Family, and provides a positive role model for children and youth.

In other words, children are watching you and taking your cues.

The next SGT Rocky's Neighborhood shows will be held at the Family Readiness Center, building 87, from 4-6 p.m., Nov. 17 and Dec. 7.

For more information contact Army Community Service at 912-767-5058/5059.

Contractor keeps aircraft in top shape for 3rd CAB

Nancy Gould

Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Pilots from the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, at Hunter Army Airfield could not fight the war in Afghanistan without well-maintained helicopters to sustain its mission.

To keep the aviation fleet of Blackhawks, Apaches, Chinooks and Kiowa Warriors in the air after flying thousands of hours in the desert and mountainous terrain, it takes the expertise of 400 highly-qualified staff members from The Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command Regional Aviation Sustainment Maintenance East.

Along with 3rd CAB, the AMCOM staff maintains additional aircraft—ranging from \$6 million or more for each— from the Georgia Army National Guard and the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. They also have satellite sites at Fort Bragg and Fort Campbell, and support approximately 2,255 aircraft on the east coast.

When aircraft returns from Afghanistan, each undergoes reset, according to Jim Murphy, the aviation maintenance project officer at AMCOM.

“We strip everything down on them except the wiring,” Murphy said. “That means all components and gauges— down to the bare metal. Everything is cleaned and inspected, and often, we find a lot of cracks that have to be repaired.”

Sixteen UH-60 Blackhawks have recently arrived at AMCOM for “reset.” When completed, the aircraft will go into a “flyable” status and be signed over to the 406th Army Field Support Brigade at Hunter, U.S. Army Materiel Command. On Jan. 3, 2011, the aircraft will be signed over to the 3rd CAB and be ready for deployment back into theater whenever necessary.

Besides reset, Murphy said that 200-hour and 400-hour phase maintenance work is performed within the regulatory turn-around times required of his staff. Expertise for the job ranges from sheet metal and electrical mechanics, to inspectors and information technicians. The workforce also consists of contractor-run, government oversight contract field teams that work with commanders to provide support for the aviation fleet during peacetime, pre-deployment and post deployment for over-



Nancy Gould

Test pilot Alvin Anderson, a contractor with AMCOM, works on an Apache, one of 14 reassigned to Hunter Army Airfield recently from Fort Bragg, N.C.. Anderson said he or another AMCOM contractor fly the AMCOM aircraft once every two weeks to meet the phase maintenance requirement.

seas contingency operations.

More than 85 percent of those workers are retired or have prior-military experience in aviation, said Murphy. They adhere closely to reset completion time standards that range from 82 days to reset an Apache, to 113 days for each Chinook.

Beside reset and phase maintenance on Army assets, AMCOM also provides aviation ground support to Air Station Savannah's MH-65-C Dolphins, the aircraft used for the U.S. Coast Guard's search and rescue homeland security mission.

Murphy said AMCOM also performs aviation intermediate maintenance support and systems integration for weapon systems, components, and ancillary equipment to ensure the readiness, sustainability and safety of units in different operational environments.

To minimize expense, the Department of the Army often shuffles aircraft between

divisions and their theaters of operation for aviation use.

For instance, the 3rd CAB will leave some of its equipment in the Afghanistan Theater of operations and pick up different equipment when the brigade returns to the states. Maintenance and reset are usually done at the location that incurs less cost, such as work done at Hunter recently for the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

Murphy said, the “major players in the dance” or shuffle, for AMCOM include the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York and the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

“The 25th ID recently sent Black Hawks to different locations,” Murphy said. “We just got 24 here and we'll get another six from them later.”

He said the 10th Mountain Division

transferred 14 Apaches to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg when the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment was reassigned there. The aircraft remained there six months before being transferred back here again. Two Apaches from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell will also return to Hunter, where they were previously assigned to the 3rd CAB.

“We need these state-of-the aircraft to be in top condition to perform our mission,” said Lt. Col. Dan Gallagher, 3rd CAB commander-rear. “Quality maintenance in the aviation arena is not just about enhancing product efficiency; lives are at stake with everything we do. We appreciate the quality assurance posture of AMCOM and the staff's compliance with regulatory requirements. Their work helps to ensure the safety in every area of our mission.”

Vanguard Soldiers hone map, land navigation skills

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The Frontline Staff

Soldiers with the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team rear detachment conducted a series of classes in map reading and land navigation training to update their basic Soldiering skills and re-familiarize themselves on their perishable skills, Oct. 27-28.

"With all the modern equipment such as the global positioning system's or pluggers, they can make Soldiers lazy," said Randolph Scales, a site manager and training instructor at Fort Stewart. "Soldiers need to get back to their roots. Every Soldier should know map reading and land navigation. For these Crazy Horse Soldiers, it is welcomed training."

"It has been a while since I have done (map reading and land navigation)," said Pfc. Elias Besong, an infantryman assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th IBCT. "If in battle and something happens to my sergeant, I may need to take charge. As Soldiers, we all need to know (map reading and land navigation)."

Following the day spent in the classroom reading and plotting grid coordinates with a scale on a map and practicing using lensatic compasses and reacquainting themselves with their pace count, the Soldiers made their way to the land navigation course.

For some Soldiers, this training is a stepping stone to future training.

"I am hoping (the map reading and land navigation course) will help me for when I go to the Warrior Leaders Course," said Spc. Chance Gattrell, a fire support specialist assigned to HHC, 4th IBCT.

Regardless of rank, Soldiers need to practice their map reading skills at minimum yearly but preferably every six months or less, added Scales. Lack of map reading skills has proven to be costly in Iraq and other places.



Photos by Sgt. Robert Schaffner

Private First Class Elias Besong and Spc. Chance Gattrell, both assigned to HHC, 4th IBCT, plot coordinates on a map during a map reading class to update their basic Soldiering skills and re-familiarize themselves on their perishable skills, Oct. 27.

Private First Class Josue Rivera and Pvt. Jeff Henslee, both assigned to HHC, 4th IBCT, shoot an azimuth on the land navigation training course.



Photos by Spc. Michael Adams

Family Members wait for 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers to return home at a welcome home ceremony at Cottrell Field on Fort Stewart, Oct. 29.

DSTB continues return

Spc. Michael Adams
3rd ID Public Affairs

Soldiers with Division Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division came home to their Families and friends in a welcome home ceremony at Cottrell Field on Fort Stewart, Oct. 29.

While the weather was chilly, it did not stop Family Members from coming out and waiting for the troops to arrive.

Nataleigh Ryan, 12, shivered as she waited for her father, Chief Warrant Officer Alaen Ryan to arrive.

"It feels good," she said. "I missed him, he's been gone for 12 months. I'm very happy and excited."

Family Members weren't the only ones to show up

to welcome the Soldiers home.

Specialist Carlos Santiago, a supply specialist with DSTB, 3rd ID, said he was there to support the Families and his battle buddies.

"We need to support Soldiers, no matter our job or unit," he said.

Many waited more than an hour for the servicemembers to arrive.

When they did arrive, the reunions were often tearful and emotional with some screaming for joy as tears ran down their faces.

Master Sergeant Edward Wright was one of the Soldiers who arrived that chilly morning.

"It feels great to be home," he said. "It's been a long year, and I get to see my wife again."



Master Sergeant Edward Wright, assistant inspector general for 3rd Infantry Division, embraces his wife after he returns from Iraq, at Cottrell Field, on Fort Stewart, Oct. 29.

Stewart, Hunter celebrate



HALLOWEEN



Spc. Michael Adams, 3rd ID Public Affairs

Specialist Sean Ivey, a Soldier with 4-3 Brigade Troop Battalion, poses as the Grim Reaper during the Maintainer Madness of Horror Haunted House, Oct. 29, on Fort Stewart. The 703rd BSB put on the haunted house for three weekends in October, including Halloween weekend. They accepted donations and used the money to help Soldiers currently serving in theater.

Nancy Gould, Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Gianni Rucher, 5, and Seth Munoz, 5, were two of about 1,500 children and parents from Hunter Army Airfield dressed as witches, vampires and other scary characters waited anxiously in line at the Hunter Club Parking Lot to enter the DMWR-sponsored Haunted House, Oct. 29. Young children clutched anxiously to their moms' arms, a little fearful of what awaited behind the fog-filled porch outside of the entrance.

"I'm a little nervous," said Seth, who dressed in a Ninja suit and practiced fight moves as he progressed forward in the long winding line. He stood with adult chaperones and his friend Gianni Rucher, dressed as a butterfly.

Sergeant Andrew Carter, a 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade Soldier, brought his 15-month-old daughter, Kaylee to the event, dressed as Cinderella.

"This was our first Halloween event here at Hunter," he said. "It was great."